

**VERITAS
ACADEMY**

Opening
Fall 2005
Grades K - 5
(then expanding)



The Newsletter of
Veritas Academy
(Austin, Texas)

**Distinguishing
Characteristics:**

- Christ-centered model
- Family-focused ministry through a genuine partnership with parents
- University-model approach & schedule
- Classical method of education with a Biblical worldview
- Affordable college-prep
- Progression by mastery of individual subjects, not grade levels

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Admissions Information

Praise God! As of December 15, 2004, the deadline for Early Admission applications, Veritas Academy had received forty (40) applications for enrollment, or almost one-half of our first year capacity. What an awesome response! Family interviews and placement testing for these applicants is almost complete, and acceptance letters are scheduled to be mailed on January 24th. We eagerly look forward to welcoming this first group of Veritas families.

If you are interested in applying to Veritas, please refer to the Admissions Calendar below so that you won't miss our next enrollment deadline. Kindergarten, first and second grade classes are filling up quickly, so don't delay!

Admissions Calendar

	<u>Early Admissions</u>	<u>Regular Admissions</u>
Application Deadline	Dec 15, 2004	Feb 25, 2005
Family Interviews	Dec & mid-Jan	Early March
Placement Testing	Jan 13	Mar 3
Acceptance Letters	Jan 24	Mar 11
Registration	Feb 1 - 15	Mar 21 - 25

Dates have yet to be determined for any ongoing admissions subsequent to the above windows.

Most Requested Topics

Facilities

We ended 2004 in discussions with two south-west Austin churches regarding the use of their facilities by Veritas when a third church unexpectedly contacted us expressing an interest in making their campus available to the school.

Please pray that we continue to enjoy the

Lord's favor and clearly discern His will for the location of Veritas Academy.

Curricula

Much of the curricula has been chosen and will be presented at our Info Meeting on January 25th.

This information will also be made available on our web site after January 25th.

Tuition

One of the benefits of a University-Model School is its affordability. Tuition is charged on a per class per semester basis so that a family may enroll their child(ren) in as few as one class to as many as six.

Tuition is \$250 per class, except for the longer Math & Language Arts classes which are \$300 per class.

Teach me your way,
O Lord, and I will
walk in your truth.
Psalm 86:11

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to these volunteers
and patrons who
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so generously to
Veritas Academy

Jerry Lewis

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Veritas Academy does not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Upcoming Informational Meetings

Veritas Academy's next two Informational Meetings have been scheduled for **January 25th** and **February 15th** at First Evangelical Free Church in southwest Austin. Applications are available only at these meetings, and both parents must attend at least one Informational Meeting before their child may begin attending classes at the school.

Dr. John Turner, Jr., author of *Character Driven College Preparation*, will be our guest speaker at the February meeting. If you were unable to attend our October meeting when Dr. Turner presented, we strongly encourage you to make this February meeting where Dr. Turner will encourage parents to step up to the calling that God has placed upon us to "impress His commands on our children. To talk about them when we sit at home and when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up." (Deut 6:7) In order to fulfill this imperative, however, we must be provided the time with our children to do so.

In his last presentation, Dr. Turner reminded us that time with our children is such a precious commodity and we must make the most of every opportunity while our children are young to "train them in the way they should go." (Prov 22:6) The University-Model schedule provides this time to families and allows parents to play a more active role in the education of their children.

If you know of families who may be interested in this model of education, we ask that you pass this information along and invite them to attend one of our meetings.

Faculty & Staff News

We are excited to announce that Veritas Academy has formally commenced its search for faculty and staff. We know that God has already hand-chosen His servants through whom He will bless the families of Veritas Academy. Much prayer has been given to this effort and with confident faith we expectantly look forward to the revelation of who God has appointed to be the teachers and Administrator of Veritas.

If you, or anyone you know, has a heart for teaching, a committed relationship with God, a compassion for children, and an interest in becoming a part of our faculty, please visit—or refer them

to—our website at VeritasAcademy.net for more information about the application process. We sincerely welcome your thoughtful and prayerfully considered referrals.

Whether or not you know of a prospective candidate, we ask that you join us in diligently praying for the men and women that God would have become part of our children's lives in their capacities as teachers and administrators. We have already begun receiving resumes and conducting initial interviews. Please pray that God's wisdom and discernment guide our decisions.

From the Heart — First of an Occasional Series

"This Season Too Shall Pass" by Carrie Peterson, Trustee

We have all heard it at some time or another, "This is just a season, it too will pass." Now I would love to say that I have taken great joy in every season I have passed through with my children, but I must confess that I have taken heart in

knowing “it too will pass” more than once in the seven-and-a-half years that I have been a mommy. No doubt, you too are familiar with those seasons when three hours is considered a good night’s sleep, when precious little ones experience the “terrific” twos exploding in a new emotion every five minutes, when mommy begins wondering if she should check the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the longest duration of a single, common cold in one family. These seasons are punctuated with treasured moments, but in them I have often found myself praying, “Lord, may this pass.”

Then, I marvel as my oldest daughter clumsily crawls in my lap for some snuggle time. Wasn’t it last week I cradled her in my arms admiring the wonder God had entrusted to us? This is when I am reminded that the season we have with our children as children is all too short and “it too will pass.”

We have precious little time to share and pass on our faith to our children. A book that quickened my heart is *Your Heritage* by Ledbetter and Bruner. The following passage, in particular, inspired me:

“The spiritual legacy passed on in the heritage is the foundational unseen reality of the spirit. Deep within our children is the authority and power of either a quickened spirit that will fill the “sails” of their lives, moving them in a Godward direction, or a deadened spirit that will leave their sails drooping lifelessly around the mast. We parents cannot be the spirit for them. But we can create that spiritual environment where they are free to question and accept spiritual truths. Such an environment will free a child’s spirit to grow and mature.”

This is what led my family to persevere in homeschooling and, ultimately, led us to the university-model. My husband and I want our children to grow in a spiritual environment where God can use us to lay that spiritual foundation, allowing them to blossom into the unique individuals God created each of them to be. But, to successfully cause this to happen, we need time with them.

In the past seven-and-a-half years, God increased our “wonders” from one to five. I am blessed to be called their mommy, and it has been a blessing to be their primary teacher. We have learned so much together! I have also come to realize my limitations as I strive to serve each of our children. The university-model is an answered prayer for our family as it will provide the academics we believe to be best for our children while affording us more time together as a family.

From an academic standpoint, this model will allow me more time with the younger children during the week, will provide me with well-prepared lesson plans, will formally evaluate my children’s progress, and will allow my older children opportunities to receive professional instruction while being encouraged by classmates in their peer group.

Most important to us, though, is the time that will be freed for us to walk with one another as a family, to share our lives and our faith with one another, to truly know who our children are and for them to know who we are, and to allow God to work through us as He guides our children through life. So, when this season passes—and it will all too quickly—and our children become adults, their sails will be filled with a quickened spirit that directs them Godward, equipping them to weather the seas of life, and to carry on the legacy of their spiritual heritage which we pray will bless all generations to come.

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OUR FOUNDING FAMILIES (TRUSTEES)

- ◆ **Stuart & Susan Nolley**
- ◆ **Dax & Jennifer McCracken**
- ◆ **Derek & Carrie Peterson**
- ◆ **Jef & Starrla Fowler**

A little about us ...

Our backgrounds include bachelor’s and master’s degrees in a variety of business and education studies; years of teaching experience in public, private and homeschool environments; and more years of corporate and entrepreneurial business experience.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Veritas Academy is to minister to families by partnering with Christian parents to provide for their children a classical education founded upon a Biblical worldview so that these children may commence a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, wisdom and understanding in their purposeful and passionate service of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God.

Veritas Academy has adopted a university-model approach which integrates professional instruction with parent mentored study and character development to achieve a college preparatory level of academic excellence.



Training hearts & minds for the glory of God

Sample Course Schedule (not final; subject to change)

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Period 1 8:30-9:50	MATH K	MATH 1	MATH 2	MATH 3	MATH 4	MATH 5/6
Period 2 9:55-11:15	LANGUAGE ARTS K	LANGUAGE ARTS 1	LANGUAGE ARTS 2	LANGUAGE ARTS 3	LANGUAGE ARTS 4	LANGUAGE ARTS 5/6
11:20-11:45	Lunch Time					
11:45-12:15	Recess					
Period 3 12:20-1:10	Elective Choice: MUSIC SPANISH	HISTORY 1	HISTORY 2	HISTORY 3	HISTORY 4	HISTORY 5
Period 4 1:15-2:05	Elective Choice: ART P.E.	SCIENCE 1	SCIENCE 2	SCIENCE 3	SCIENCE 4	SCIENCE 5
Period 5 2:10-3:00	Elective Choice: MUSIC SPANISH	Elective Choice: MUSIC SPANISH	Elective Choice: MUSIC SPANISH	Elective Choice: MUSIC SPANISH DRAMA	Elective Choice: MUSIC SPANISH DRAMA	Elective Choice: MUSIC SPANISH DRAMA
Period 6 3:05-3:55	Elective Choice: ART P.E.	Elective Choice: ART P.E.	Elective Choice: ART P.E.	Elective Choice: LATIN ART P.E.	Elective Choice: LATIN ART P.E.	Elective Choice: LATIN ART P.E.